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K1 Section 47 Notice



Notice of Consultation M54 to M6 Link Road Section 47 Planning Act 2008 Notice Publicising a Statement of Community Consultation

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The scheme will include:

- A new link road of approximately 2.5 km (1.6 miles) in length between the M54 junction 1 and the M6 junction
- A new junction at M54 junction 1 to provide direct links to and from the M54 and the new link road
- · Realignment of Hilton Lane over the new link road
- A new junction at M6 Junction 11 with junction capacity improvements and changes proposed to Mill Lane

We intend to make an application to the Planning Inspectorate under section 37 of The Planning Act 2008 for a development consent order to authorise construction of the scheme.

Before making our application, we must produce a document called the Statement of Community Consultation setting out how we will consult the local community about our proposals. We also must make this statement available for inspection by the public and publish this notice stating where and when the statement can be inspected. We then must carry out consultation in accordance with the statement.

This notice contains a summary of the consultation details. However, full details of the consultation can be found in the Statement of Community Consultation. This can be viewed along with our consultation materials, online at:

https://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad or at the following deposit locations from the start of our consultation period **24 May 2019** to the **5 July 2019**.

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Contact the team

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M54toM6linkroad@highwaysengland.co.uk

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Wolverhampton Road Wedges Mills Cannock Staffordshire WS11 1ST

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Cheslyn Hay

Village Hall Pinfold Lane Cheslyn Hay Walsall WS6 7HP

Thursday 13 June 2019, 3pm to 8pm

Essington Community Centre

Hobnock Road Essington Staffordshire

Saturday 15 June 2019, 1pm to 8pm

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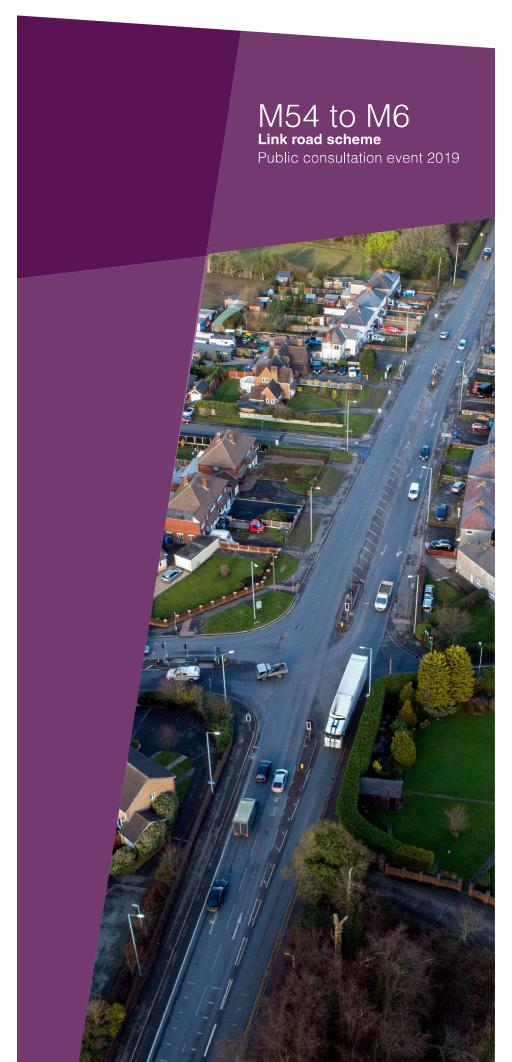
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The M54 to M6 link road is a critical part of this

investment and will improve local and long-distance journeys between the M54 and the north (via the M6), which is great news for the local and regional economy.

This scheme is categorised as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. As such, we're required to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to obtain consent to construct the scheme. For more information on this process, please refer to our Development Consent for our Major Road Schemes leaflet.



Why is the scheme needed?

This scheme will provide an improved link between the M54 and the M6.

Currently, there's no direct motorway link from the M54 to the M6 north. Road users wanting to access the M6 north or M6 Toll must use local roads such as the A460, A449 and A5. This means high volumes of both long-distance and local traffic use the local roads to travel this route.

The A460 currently carries about 26,500 vehicles each day with heavy goods vehicles making up about 10% of this figure. When the proposed link road is open, it could reduce traffic on the A460 to around 4,000 vehicles each day.



Scheme objectives

The objectives of the scheme include:

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 improving customer
 journeys from east to
 west and north to south.
- Environmental to limit impacts on the natural environment and landscape wherever possible.
- Capacity creating a safer and less congested environment

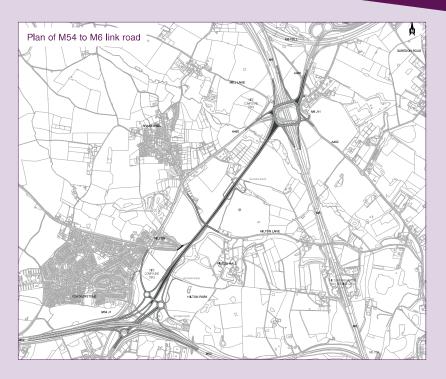
for local road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

- Reliability more reliable journey times by increasing capacity and providing a higher quality connection between the M54 and M6.
- Safety improving safety by reducing the number of accidents along the route due to fewer vehicles using the A460



Link road scheme

Public consultation event 2019



Our proposed design

Since we chose the preferred route, we've worked to design the scheme further and address concerns raised about the alignment and environmental impact.

We've listed below the areas that have developed or changed since the previous consultation, which we would like your views on.

Junctions – size and visibility of the new

junctions at M6 junction 11 and M54 junction 1.

Dark Lane and Hilton – position of the new link road to Dark Lane and Hilton.

Hilton Lane – alignment of new link under Hilton Lane.

Environmental mitigation

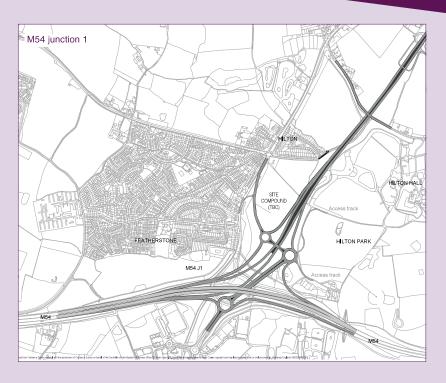
 proposals to reduce impact on environment.

Mill Lane – closure of Mill Lane where it meets the A460.



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M54 junction 1

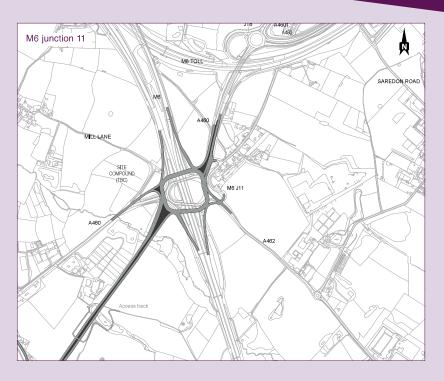
We'll replace M54 junction 1. The new junction will include a new bridge underneath the M54 at junction 1. This is so we can build free-flow links between the M54 and the new link road. To maintain the connections with the

existing local roads, a new dumb-bell junction is proposed to the north-east of M54 junction 1. We'll also provide a connection to a new roundabout to the south of M54 junction 1 to maintain a connection to the A460 to Wolverhampton.



Link road scheme

Public consultation event 2019



M6 junction 11

To provide more capacity we need to replace M6 junction 11 with a larger signalised junction. This will involve the construction of two new bridges over the M6. We will also put additional lanes around the roundabout to accommodate additional traffic. All existing local

roads will keep their connection to junction 11.

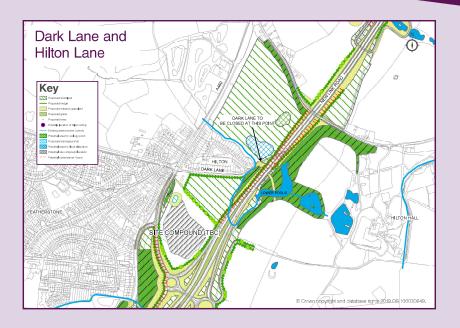
Mill Lane

To increase capacity at M6 junction 11, we need to make it larger. To do this, we're proposing to permanently close Mill Lane where it meets the A460 and move the A460 towards junction 11.



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Dark Lane and Hilton

The new link passes to the east of Hilton Village, near to properties on Dark Lane. Following concerns raised by local residents, we've moved the new route a further 25 metres away from properties on Dark Lane.

This will reduce the impact on local residents in Hilton who may be potentially affected by increased noise, air quality and visual impacts. In moving the alignment at this location, we've also considered the impact on:

- existing woodland and ponds at Lower
 Pools Site of Biological Importance
- historic parkland of Hilton Hall

Hilton Lane

The new link road near Hilton Lane will be approximately 6 to 8 metres below the existing ground level. We're developing an environmental design that includes new planting to screen the road as much as possible.



M54 to M6 Link road scheme

Public consultation event 2019

Potential barrier types

Timber barrier

These would provide visual screening and would be effective in mitigating noise.



Timber barrier with climbing vegetation

These are similar to the solid barrier above, but supplemented with appropriate landscape planting. This will grow up the fence to give a more natural looking appearance over time.



Earth bunds

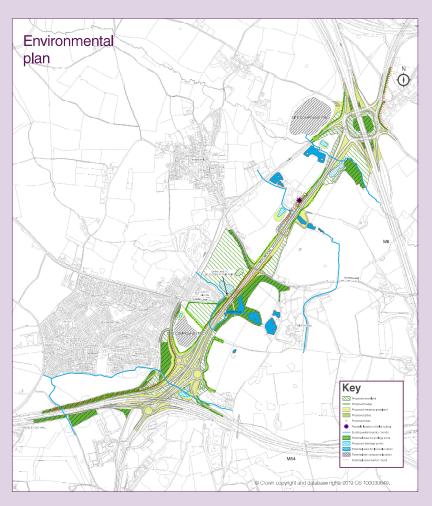
These can provide visual screening and reduce noise levels. Bunds are not as effective at reducing noise as the timber barriers and they require more land and removal of vegetation.





M54 to M6 Link road scheme Public consultation event 2019

Environmental impacts



We're assessing the impact on any existing features and identifying opportunities to reduce these impacts. As part of our environmental design, we'll be planting new trees and shrubs, providing replacement ponds and reducing noise impacts.



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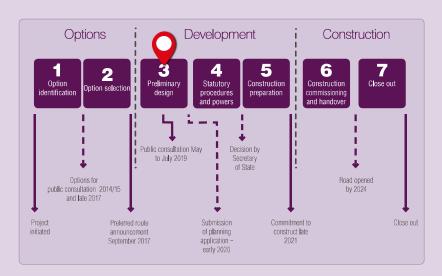
Next steps

The statutory consultation will run for six weeks from Friday 24 May to Friday 5 July.

Once it closes, we'll review all the suggestions and comments that we have received. To help us shape the final design

in preparation of our submission to the Planning Inspectorate, it is important you are involved now and submit your response by 11.59pm on 5 July 2019.

We expect to submit our application by early 2020 and, provided it is granted, construction will start late 2021.





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K4 2019 Statutory consultation brochure



Link road scheme Statutory consultation brochure From 24 May to 5 July 2019



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In this brochure, we explain our proposals for the scheme and also give details of how you can give us your feedback during our statutory public consultation - your feedback is important and will help us shape the scheme before we submit our application.

A separate statutory consultation response form is available for providing us with your feedback.



How to respond

We're now holding a statutory consultation on our proposals. We'd like to hear what you think, so please share any concerns, ideas or local knowledge that you may have. The consultation will run for 6 weeks, from 24 May 2019 to 5 July 2019 and there's lots of ways you can tell us what you think. Why not come along to one of our public consultation events? Alternatively, you can view all the consultation materials on our webpage www. highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad. Please remember to submit the response form accompanying this brochure using the instructions provided or complete the form online.

Please respond by 23:59 on 5 July 2019 using one of the following methods:

- complete the response form online at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad
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- put a completed copy of the form into a response box at one of our consultation events

Public consultation events

One of the best ways to find out more about our proposals and have your say is to come to one of our public consultation events. Here you'll be able to find out more about the scheme and speak to members of the project team who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



Date	Time	Location
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Where to get consultation documents

Paper copies of the statutory consultation brochure, response form, preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) and non-technical summary of the PEIR will also be available at the following locations from 24 May 2019 during normal opening times:

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A large volume of local and long-distance traffic uses the A460, which passes through the villages of Featherstone, Hilton and Shareshill.

The A460 has just one lane in each direction with numerous junctions and stretches of road with a 30mph speed limit. It was not designed for the amount and type of traffic currently using it. This results in delays, congestion and high accident rates. There are also air quality issues in the villages along the A460 due to the high volume of traffic.

The objectives of the scheme include:

Connectivity – An enhanced connection between the M54 and M6 would significantly improve customer journeys from east to west and north to south. This will support local growth for Telford, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton, Cannock and Tamworth.

Environmental – We're designing the scheme to limit impacts on the natural environment and landscape wherever possible.

Capacity – The A460 currently carries about 26,500 vehicles each day with heavy goods vehicles making up about 10% of this figure. When the proposed link road is open, it could reduce traffic on the A460 to around 4,000 vehicles each day. This will create a safer and less congested environment for local road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

Reliability – Journey times will be more reliable as the scheme will increase capacity and provide a higher quality connection between the M54 and M6.

Safety – The scheme will improve safety by keeping the right traffic on the right roads, separating local traffic from long-distance and commuter traffic. This should reduce the number of accidents along the route due to fewer vehicles using the A460.



The scheme

During the 2017 consultation, we presented three modified options for the scheme, Option B West, Option C West and Option C East. We've selected Option B West, which bypasses the A460 to the east, as the preferred route for the scheme. We selected this option as it:

- provides the highest economic benefits
- will provide the greatest journey time savings
- has the least impact on ancient woodland
- provides the best value for money to taxpayers
- is preferred by most of the respondents to the options consultation

Evolution of the scheme



Scheme announced in the Road Investment Strategy, subject to other contributions.



Consultation on three route options.



Feedback from consultation identified the need for us to carry out further assessment work on the options to find the best solution. Through this assessment, we developed three modified options.



Consultation on three modified options.



Analysis of consultation responses and assessment of the three modified options including environmental impact, buildability, value for money, safety, socio-economic impact and stakeholder engagement were taken into account. Selected Option B West as the best overall performing option.



Removal of the direct link to the M6 Toll. The level of other contributions available was not enough to meet the cost of this link so it was removed from the scheme.



Preferred route announcement.



Further development of the preferred route and statutory consultation on proposals.

Rejected options

Option C West

Our assessment showed that this option provided lower value for money than Option B West due to longer journey times and not removing as much traffic from the A460, A449 and A5. It was supported by 16% of respondents to options consultation compared to 71% for Option B West. It had a negative impact on local business and social amenities. Option C West had a slightly lower impact on the environment compared to Option B West.

Option C East

This option provided fewer benefits than Option B West in terms of journey times, safety and congestion. It was the least preferred option in the consultation and it had significant impact on the environment, directly impacting on scheduled ancient woodland. Option C East offered the lowest value for money.

For more information on the previous consultation results and the preferred route announcement, please visit our webpage: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad

Our proposed design

Since we chose the preferred route, we've worked to design the scheme further and address concerns raised about the alignment and environmental impact.

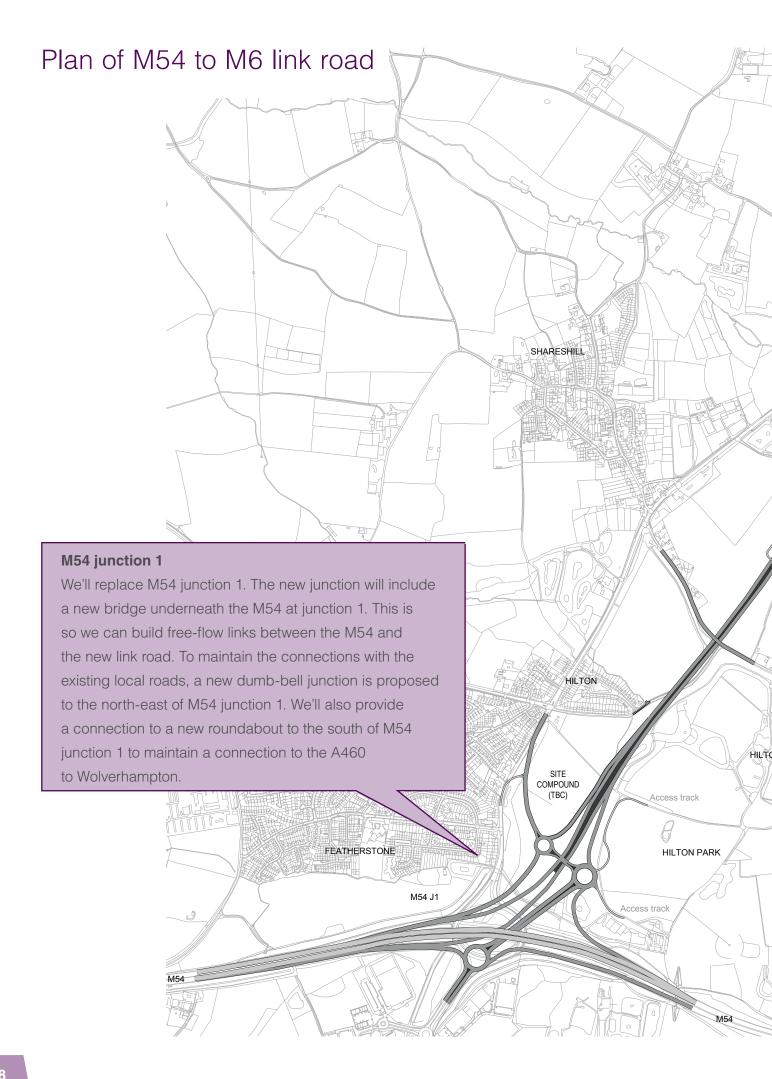
This includes holding meetings with the local parish councils and local authorities to provide further information on route selection and to allow stakeholders to input to the design. We have also been carrying out environmental

surveys to help us to fully understand the environmental considerations and possible mitigation.

We've listed below the areas that have developed or changed since the previous consultation, which **we would like your views on.** This will enable us to take into consideration the views of all affected stakeholders as we develop the design.

- **Junctions** size and visibility of the new junctions at M6 junction 11 and M54 junction 1.
- **Dark Lane and Hilton** position of the new link road to Dark Lane and Hilton.
- **Hilton Lane** alignment of new link under Hilton Lane.
- **Environmental mitigation** proposals to reduce impact on environment.
- **Mill Lane** closure of Mill Lane where it meets the A460.







Dark Lane and Hilton

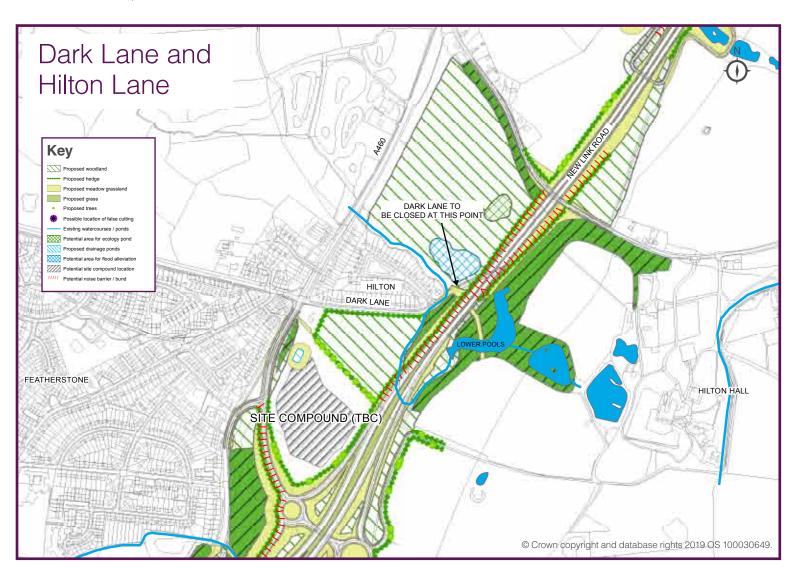
The new link passes to the east of Hilton Village, near to properties on Dark Lane. Following concerns raised by local residents, we've moved the new route a further 25 metres away from properties on Dark Lane.

This will reduce the impact on local residents in Hilton who may be potentially affected by increased noise, air quality and visual impacts. In moving the alignment at this location, we've also considered the impact on:

- existing woodland and ponds at Lower Pools
 Site of Biological Importance
- historic parkland of Hilton Hall

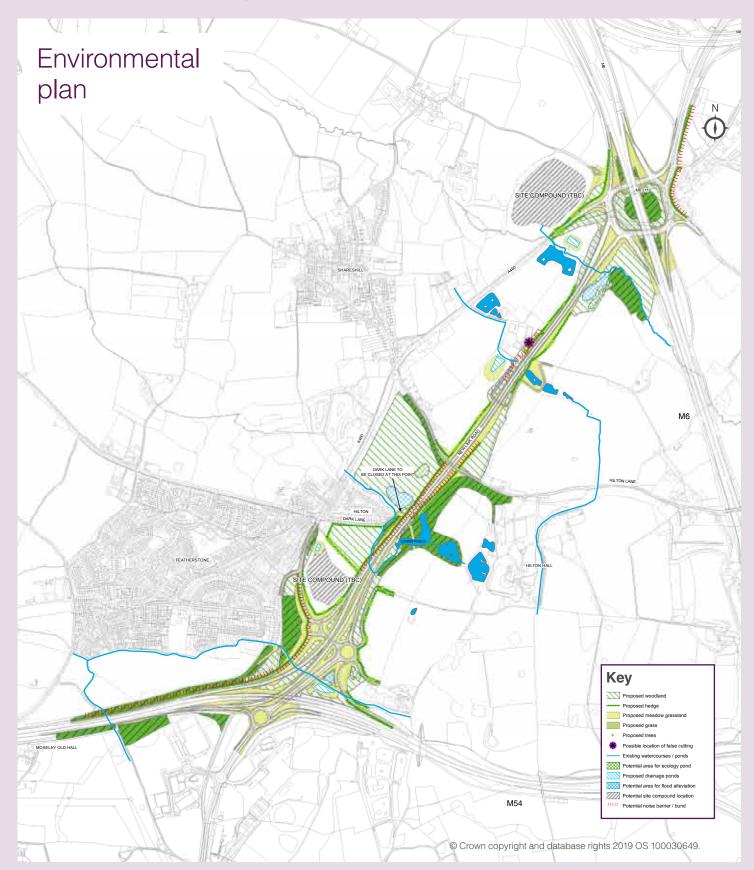
Hilton Lane

The new link road near Hilton Lane will be approximately 6 to 8 metres below the existing ground level. We're developing an environmental design that includes new planting to screen the road as much as possible.



Environmental impacts

We're assessing the impact on any existing features and identifying opportunities to reduce these impacts. As part of our environmental design, we'll be planting new trees and shrubs, providing replacement ponds and reducing noise impacts.



Potential barrier types

Barriers, screening against noise and the view of the new road, can be used to help reduce the impact of the scheme. We're still considering the different options and have included some indication of where barriers might be used on the plans and visualisation video, which has been put together for this scheme. This has been done for illustrative purposes only. The video is available on our webpage: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad

Timber barrier

These would provide visual screening and would be effective in mitigating noise.



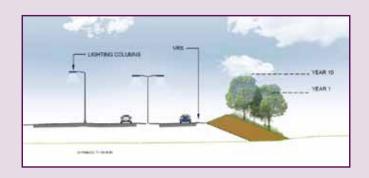
Timber barrier with climbing vegetation

These are similar to the solid barrier above, but supplemented with appropriate landscape planting. This will grow up the fence to give a more natural looking appearance over time.



Earth bunds

These can provide visual screening and reduce noise levels. Bunds are not as effective at reducing noise as the timber barriers and they require more land and removal of vegetation.



Benefits and effects of the proposed design

In assessing the benefits and effects of the proposed design, we have considered a variety of features including those summarised below.

This information is based on our findings from detailed surveys and assessments that we've carried out. Environmental impacts are assessed based on national guidance. For more detailed information, please visit our webpage, where you will find our Preliminary Environmental Impact Report.

Feature	Benefits and effects of the proposed design	
Air quality	The scheme will change traffic patterns, including a significant reduction of traffic on the existing A460. Many properties next to the A460 will see an improvement in air quality with a small number of properties close to the new link experiencing a worsening of air quality conditions. We don't expect the scheme to result in significant adverse effects during construction or once it opens for traffic.	
Noise and vibration	Our preliminary assessment predicts a large reduction in road traffic noise on the A460. Increases in road traffic noise may arise at points very close to the proposed scheme on Dark Lane, Hilton Lane and properties next to the new link. We're currently considering what mitigation is required to reduce these increases in traffic noise.	
Water environment	The proposed scheme would cross a number of watercourses and require the loss of a number of ponds. Our design will mitigate losses as far as possible, protect the water environment from highway pollution and prevent increases in flood risk.	
Cultural heritage	We're carrying out archaeological surveys, historic building and landscape recording to understand potential effects. There's potential for heritage features to be adversely affected either directly, through loss or damage during construction or indirectly, for example through adverse effects upon the setting of Hilton Park Historic Parkland. We're developing the design and landscaping to mitigate effects upon historic buildings and other cultural heritage features.	
Landscape and visual impacts	Traffic on the new road, the presence of new bridges, lighting and sign gantries, can all affect views and the landscape. The scheme has the potential to have both adverse and beneficial effects upon views and the surrounding landscape. We're exploring mitigation proposals including scheme design, construction planning and provision of a suitable environmental design including new tree planting.	

Ecology and biodiversity	The scheme area includes ponds, streams, grassland, sections of woodland and hedgerows, along with protected species, which could be affected by the proposed scheme. Impacts would potentially include the direct loss of habitat and breaking up of habitat, disturbance to wildlife from noise and lighting, and animal collisions with traffic. The ongoing environmental assessment will help to identify ways to avoid and mitigate potential ecological effects.
Population and health	Some minor diversions of existing public rights of way are required to ensure existing facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders are retained. We'll investigate proposals as part of the environmental assessment following feedback received from the public, local authorities and other interested groups at this consultation.
Road safety	The existing A460 has a higher than average rate of road accidents for a road of this type. The number of collisions involving personal injuries would reduce due to the reduced traffic on the A460.
Construction duration and impacts	The majority of the proposed scheme will be constructed away from the A460 and connections to existing roads will be planned to minimise disruption to traffic. The indicative site compounds allow for construction plant, storage areas and material stockpiles to be used during the construction of the proposed scheme.
Land take	As part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) process, we're consulting on the proposed areas of land required for the scheme. We're also working with affected land owners to mitigate the impact on them and their businesses or properties. This includes land needed for the construction of the new scheme and land required temporarily, for example, construction compounds and working space. The DCO application would seek powers to enable us to acquire land and rights over land compulsorily and take temporary possession of land following discussions with the relevant land owners.

Next steps

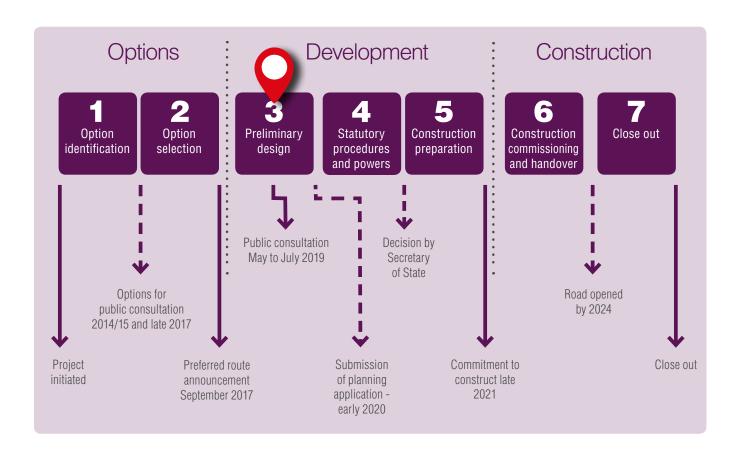
Once the statutory consultation has closed on 5 July 2019, we'll review all the suggestions and comments received during consultation. We'll take time to analyse and consider your feedback when making further refinements to the proposed design and to develop our mitigation measures. We'll set out a summary of the responses, and describe how our proposals have been informed by and influenced by them, in a consultation report. This will form part of our Development Consent Order application and will also be available to the public following submission of the application. We expect to submit our application by early 2020 and, provided it is granted, construction will start late 2021.

In addition to this statutory consultation process, we'll continue to engage with anyone interested in, or impacted by, the scheme.

To help us shape the final design in preparation of our submission to the Planning Inspectorate, it is important you are involved now and submit your response by 5 July 2019.

Once we submit our application, the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Secretary of State) will examine the application in public hearings and then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will decide on whether or not the scheme will go ahead.

The process for this is explained in the table below.



For more information please visit our webpage where you can also sign up for email alerts whenever the webpage for this scheme is updated. If you have any queries about this scheme please call 0300 123 5000 or email **M54toM6linkroad@highwaysengland.co.uk**

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K5 2019 Statutory consultation response form



M54 to M6 link road scheme

Statutory consultation Response form

From 24 May to 5 July 2019

We want to understand your views about the proposed design for the M54 to M6 link road scheme.

Please read the consultation brochure and the other supporting consultation documents to help you complete this form.

Share your views with us by:

- Returning this form to us by using our freepost address: Freepost M54 to M6 link road
- Placing a completed copy of this form into a response box at one of our public consultation events
 - Completing an electronic version of this response form on our scheme webpage: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad

The closing date for responses is 11.59pm on Friday 5 July 2019.



About you

where you live in relation to the scheme.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

If would you like to go on our email database for updates, please tick this box.

1. Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

Yes No

If 'yes', please provide the name of your organisation and your role within it.

Organisation name:

If you'd prefer your comments to be anonymous, please just provide your postcode, so we can understand

2. Which of the following best describes you?
(please tick all that apply)

Resident in Featherstone

Business owner in Featherstone

Resident in Shareshill

Business owner in Shareshill

Resident in Hilton

I'm employed locally (within 2 miles of the scheme)

I do not live or own a business in this area but I travel through it regularly using a private vehicle

I do not live or own a business in this area but I travel through it regularly in a commercial vehicle

3. Have you received correspondence informing you that you are an affected landowner?

Yes No

Your travel

4. Please indicate how frequently you travel in each of the areas listed below: (please tick one for each area)

	Five days or more a week	Two to four days a week	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	Never
Through M54 junction 1						
Through M6 junction 11						
Along the A460 between M6 and M54						
Dark Lane						
Mill Lane						

5. What times of day do you typically travel in the areas listed below? (please tick all that apply)

	Weekday peak periods (7am to 9am and 5pm to 7pm)	Weekday day time (9am to 5pm)	Evenings/nights (7pm to 7am)	Weekends
Through M54 junction 1				
Through M6 junction 11				
Along the A460 between M6 and M54				
Dark Lane				
Mill Lane				

The scheme

To help you answer questions in this section, please refer to the consultation brochure.

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (please tick one for each statement)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Delays occur regularly on the A460					
Delays occur regularly on the A449/A5					
Journey times are unpredictable and vary on the A460					
Journey times are unpredictable and vary on the A449/A5					

7a. Please indicate your	level of support for the scheme.
(please tick one only)	

Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
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7b. Please explain your r	easons for your level of	support.		
8a. How satisfied are you (please tick one only)	u with the position of the	e new link road to Da	ark Lane and Hilton?	?
Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
8b. Please explain your r	easons for your level of	satisfaction.		

9a. How satisfied are you with the position of the new link road under Hilton Lane? (please tick one only)

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied

9b. Please explain your reasons for your level of satisfaction.						
10a. How satisfied are y (please tick one only)	ou with the desig	n of the juncti	ons at either end c	of the proposed	l link road?	
	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	I NECOTICIO	d Very dissatisfied	
M54 junction 1						
M6 junction 11						
10b. Please explain you	r reasons for you	r level of satist	faction.			
M54 junction 1						
M6 junction 11						

11a. Please indicate your level of support for the closure of Mill Lane where it meets the A460. (please tick one only)

Stror	ngly favour	Somewhat favour	Neither favour nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose

11b. Please explain your reasons for your level of support.				

12. We're still considering the different options for screening barriers. What type of screening barriers would you prefer around M54 junction 1, Dark Lane, Hilton Lane and M6 junction 11? (please tick one for each location)

	Timber barrier	Timber barrier with climbing vegetation	Earth bunds	No preference	Other (please specify)
M54 junction 1					
Dark Lane					
Hilton Lane					
M6 junction 11					

We've produced a Preliminary Environmental Information Report as part of the consultation, a Non-technical Summary version is also available. These documents outline the potential impact of the scheme and what we propose to do about it. Both of these documents can be viewed on the scheme webpage, at the consultation events and at deposit points.

13a. How satisfied are you with the proposed environmental mitigation for the scheme? (please tick one only)

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied

13b. Please explain your reasons for your level of satisfaction.		
14. If you have any further comments on	the M54 to M6 link road, please write them below.	

The consultation

15. How did you find out about this consultation?

(please tick all that apply) Correspondence through your door_____ Local radio/local media coverage (please specify) Highways England website _____ Other website (please specify) Highways England roadside van Highways England Facebook advert Social media (please specify) Word of mouth Poster (please specify where seen) Other (please specify) 16. Please provide us with any comments you may have on the consultation process. Your feedback will help us improve how we engage with you in the future.

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Please submit your completed response form by Friday 5 July 2019

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Help us make your journeys better by having your say.

Following on from the preferred route announcement in September 2018, we're now consulting on the detailed plans for the proposed M54 to M6 link road.

This consultation is your opportunity to help improve or influence the scheme. Your views are important to us, so if you agree or disagree with our proposals, please do let us know by completing our response form by **Friday 5 July.**

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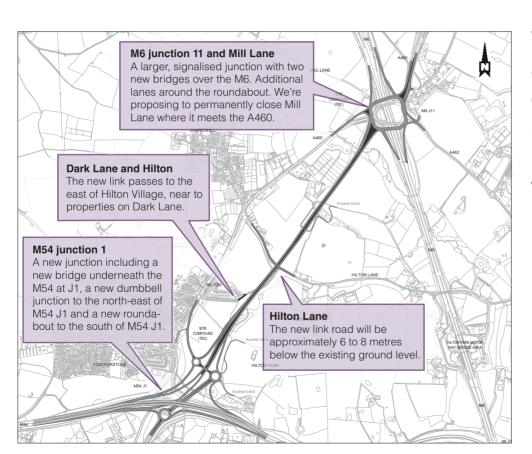
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K7 2019 Statutory consultation postcard



M54 to M6 link road scheme Statutory public consultation



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To find out about our proposals and speak to the project team, please come to one of our public consultation events.

Date	Address
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Saturday 1 June 2019, 11am to 6pm	Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, WV10 7TR
Wednesday 5 June, 1pm to 8pm	Shareshill Village Hall, 1 Elms Lane, WV10 7JS
Saturday 8 June, 11am to 6pm	Shareshill Village Hall, 1 Elms Lane, WV10 7JS
Tuesday 11 June, 3pm to 8pm	Wedges Mills Village Hall, Wolverhampton Road, WS11 1ST
Thursday 13 June, 3pm to 8pm	Cheslyn Hay Village Hall, Pinfold Lane, WS6 7HP
Saturday 15 June, 1pm to 8pm	Essington Community Centre, Hobnock Road, WV11 2RF

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